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RESIDENTIAL FIRE
1516 Rayburn Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 1516 Rayburn Street, Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 12:05 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 12:21 a.m. *A female adult was rescued and transported in critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with 2nd & 3rd degree burns and smoke inhalation. An adult male escaped safely, prior to the arrival of fire crews.* There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Both units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental as a result of careless use of a candle in the living room. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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